

Bay League Athletic Council Proposes to Slice High School Schedules in Half for '60-'61 Season

The Bay League's council of vice-principals, which governs the athletic policies of the league, voted Monday to propose that the 1960-61 athletic schedules be cut in half for all sports.

The proposal—to be acted upon Monday by the league's eight principals at their regular meeting—was passed by a 4-3 vote. South High was not represented.

The sudden and drastic action by the vice-principal's council caught virtually the entire league off-guard, but

as one South Bay area coach put it, "Nothing's official yet and everybody's still guessing."

Schools voting in favor of the proposal—made by H. B. Walden of Redondo High—were Redondo, North Torrance, Leuzinger, and Hawthorne. Schools voting against the proposal were Mira Costa, Inglewood, and Morningside.

South Torrance, although not a league member yet, will join the league beginning in the fall semester.

If approved at the principal's meeting Monday, each school in the league would be cut down to just one round of athletic contests, and only one game a week in all sports.

"It's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard of," another South Bay area coach said after learning of the drastic plan to "de-emphasize" and possibly destroy high school athletics in this area.

Another coach expressed concern that "It was prob-

ably just one of those spur of the moment things and I think that cooler heads will prevail in the long run."

Most all of the coaches in the league's eight schools are, of course, against the plan because athletics is their business and their life.

This year, generally all the athletic programs followed double-round schedules, that is, two contests against each other school in the league, not including non-league games.

Two years ago the Bay

League followed a three-round schedule during the baseball season.

The Bay League is one of the oldest conferences in Southern California, dating back to 1913.

Although the league is actually just one step away from going "bush league," "Nothing is official yet and we're not struck out until the third strike," as one local coach declared.

The Bay League's basketball coaches, who will probably be hit the hardest if the proposal goes through,

have called a meeting for tonight "To get some points together and talk over the situation," according to a spokesman.

"We're not going to present anything to the principals. We're just going to come up with a few ideas. We're sure that the proposal will not go through and that cooler heads will prevail."

In plain terms, if North and South are limited to one round of Bay League athletics next year, each school—already cut down to four non-league games by Tor-

rance School District policy—will be allowed a schedule of just 11 contests in both baseball and basketball.

If the season were cut shorter it might not be so bad, but the CIF schools start practice on Feb. 1 and play midway through the month of May.

North High played a schedule of 24 games, not including any ensuing CIF play-off games, this season.

In baseball "the most important thing is playing ball games. Far more experience is gained there than in cut

and dried practice sessions," a local coach said.

But then, "de-emphasis" is nothing new to Torrance sports followers who have watched athletic programs dwindle here gradually from year to year.

Now, perhaps at the outset of a promising athletic boom, the "one-round" bug hits 'em. We wonder if claims that entire "intra-mural" athletic programs and elimination of inter-school athletics is the next step.

Will cooler heads prevail Monday... Bill Schipper.

Two North Hi Baseballers On All-Bay League Team



DAVE MARSDEN

Van Patten, Marsden Selected

North High School seniors Frank VanPatten, an outfielder, and Dave Marsden, a catcher, were named to the 12-player All-Bay League baseball roster Tuesday by vote of the conference's eight coaches at a meeting at Mira Costa High.

Both hit over .300 and were instrumental in North's co-championship season as the Saxons compiled a 10-4 record.

NORTH ALSO had three players on the second string, pitcher Dennis Hogue, first baseman Dwayne Merrill, and outfielder Rick Jacobs.

Jacobs, a junior, was also an All-Bay League selection in basketball.

Bobby Pier, Morningside third baseman, was a first string choice after leading the league in hitting with a sky-high .489 percentage. Two other first stringers hit over .400, Carl Fratus (.409), a shortstop from Inglewood, and Bill Dyer (.424), Santa Monica infielder.

Joey Moeller, Mira Costa's classy fast-balling pitcher, was a repeat all-league choice after registering a 7-2 record for the Mustangs. He averaged two strikeouts an inning during the course of the season and in one league game fanned 19 Hawthorne batters. He and Pier were this year's only unanimous selections.

MOELLER was also an all-league and all-CIF basketballer. Marsden averaged .311 for North while VanPatten, a southpaw swinger, hit at a steady .326 clip.

The second pitcher on the first string was Redondo's Jack (no-hit) Horne. Despite a 3-2 record, Horne struck out 55 batters and walked only 15 for the second division Seahawks.

Only last place Leuzinger failed to land a representative on the first string.

FIRST TEAM
 P—Joey Moeller, Mira Costa (7-2)
 P—Jack Horne, Redondo (3-2)
 C—Dave Marsden, North (311)
 P—Brian Eberhard, Inglewood (326)
 2B—Richard Sloan, Hawthorne (372)
 3B—Bobby Pier, Morningside (439)
 SS—Carl Fratus, Inglewood (409)
 OF—Frank VanPatten, North (326)
 OF—Dennis Smith, Redondo (388)
 OF—Harry Peterson, Morningside (353)
 OF—Richard Apple, Santa Monica (308)
 Utility—Bill Dyer, Santa Monica (424)

SECOND TEAM
 P—Dennis Hogue, North (4-2)
 P—Cliff Godrich, Santa Monica (4-3)
 C—John McCasland, Inglewood (311)
 1B—Dwayne Merrill, North (283)
 2B—Bob Snowdon, Inglewood (353)
 3B—Charles Lendon, Leuzinger (353)
 SS—Joe Reynolds, Mira Costa (395)
 OF—Rick Jacobs, North (353)
 OF—Jerry Thurgard, Morningside (353)
 OF—George O'Brien, Mira Costa (353)

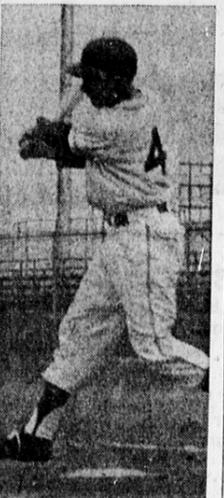
Hollywood Shorties To Play Exhibition In North Torrance

The Dodgers have rolled through four opponents in the North Torrance Babe Ruth League and top the standings with a perfect 4-0 record.

On May 30th, the Hollywood Shorties will play an exhibition game at Babe Ruth Park, 177th and Gramercy. Tickets may be obtained at the park's concession stand any evening from Monday through Thursday and all day Saturday and Sunday.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Dodgers	4	0	1.000
Redlegs	3	1	.750
Braves	2	2	.500
Pirates	2	2	.500
Cardinals	2	1	.667
Giants	1	3	.250
Cubs	0	4	.000



FRANK VAN PATTEN

'Cycles Roar Again Friday

Dick Dorresteyn will be after his third straight main event victory when the motorcycles move into Ascot Stadium again Friday night.

Post time for the first event on the 12-race card is 8:30. Time trials start at 7.

THE RED-HOT San Francisco will be after a feat as yet unturned at the 183rd and Vermont Ave. half-mile oval this season. Only Bart Markel has managed a pair in succession, aside from Dorresteyn.

Dorresteyn came through with one of the slickest maneuvers of the year to flag down his second checkered flag in a row last Friday. He faked going wide, then cut in on a surprised Al Gunter near the finish line to take over first place.

GOOD NEWS for the Sammy (Flying Flea) Tanner fans was his third place finish in the windup. Tanner has been unable to hit peak form because of an early-season injury but low seems ready to shake his troubles.

Metro Conference Tennis Standings

Team	W	T	L	Pct.
Santa Monica	10	0	0	1.000
East L.A.	7	1	2	.750
Bakersfield	4	1	4	.500
Valley	3	0	5	.375
Long Beach	2	0	8	.200
El Camino	1	0	8	.111

HOLLYPARK TRAINERS SAY

'Finnegen Has Pistol in Every Pocket'

"He's got a pistol in every pocket." That's what rival trainers at Hollywood Park are saying these days as they rattle off the names of his crack two-year-olds, middle division horses and handicap stars like Ole Fols and Seaneen.

The latter two are scheduled to run in the seven-furlong \$50,000 added, Los Angeles Handicap at Hollypark this Saturday.

At 69 Finnegen is one of the most astute trainers in the sport, and rates as the dean of conditioners on the Pacific Coast. He has saddled 13 stakes

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Legion Tryouts Saturday at Torrance Park

Tryouts for the Torrance American Legion baseball team will be held on Saturday morning at 9 at Torrance City Park, according to Ozzie Grimes, team manager.

Boys born on or after Sept. 1, 1942 from North Torrance and Torrance high schools are eligible to compete in the Legion program.

The Bay League this year will be teams from Torrance, Romita, El Segundo, Gardena, Redondo, South Torrance and Hawthorne. The winner of this league will play in District 19 playoffs at Blair Field, Long Beach.

Each year in August at Anaheim there is a Legion Baseball Tournament that is second to none. Last year Torrance went as far as the quarter finals only to be beaten by Fullerton 3-1, out of 7 teams representing Legion Posts from all over Southern California, Torrance did very well.

The American Legion baseball program is one of the oldest youth organizations in operation. All Major League baseball clubs are behind the American Legion one hundred per cent to make this program a success. Great ball players such as Ted Williams, Bobby Doerr, Lou Brisse, Lou Boudreau, Duke Snider, and many others got their start in Junior Legion baseball.

Southland Trout Plantings Listed

The following Southern California lakes and streams are scheduled to be restocked with catchable-size rainbow trout this week:

- Los Angeles County—**
 Big Rock Creek, Upper Big Tujunga Creek, Crystal Lake, Jackson Lake, Legg Lake, Little Rock Reservoir, San Dimas Reservoir, San Gabriel River Rincon Area, East and Prairie Forks.
- Riverside County—**
 Dark Canyon Creek, Fuller-Mill Creek, Tahquitz Creek.
- San Bernardino County—**
 Arrowbear Lake, Arrowhead Lake, Big Bear Lake, Cucamonga Creek, Deep Creek, Green Valley Lake, Gregory Lake, Holcomb Creek, Little Bear Creek, Mill Creek, Santa Ana River.

Mighty Midgets Race Tonight at Gardena

In action again in the weekly Thursday night Midget Auto Races at Gardena will be Don Staudinger of Long Beach in the Buster Sebben Ford powered racer from Hermosa Beach.

Staudinger, after being plagued with mechanical difficulties, has failed to show in the first two races this season.

Warren "Hoke" Hokinson, Hermosa Beach garage operator and "nursemaid" to the Sebben machine says the Ford will be ready and able to take care of the top contenders in this week's travels around the 1/2-mile dirt oval at Gardena Stadium.

LLOYD CORBIN, Buddy Lee and Dick Barry, top "Offy" chauffeurs will be battling for top honors as usual.

Allen Heath and Don Cameron seem to have renewed their complaints about each other's driving tactics and are "nerfing" and "wheel banging" again.

Dick Mitchell, Manhattan Beach, will be tooling the Bill Donahue Ford powered machine from Hermosa Beach in his attempt to finish with the front runners.

Grayson Harmon of La Mirada, who was injured in last week's main event crash, was released from the hospital Monday, but will be unable to drive next week.

THE GARDENA racing schedule sets time trials at 6:30 with first race getting under way at 8:15.

Valley Wins in JC Playoffs

Valley College, Metro Conference baseball champs with an 11-3 record, defeated Ventura 7 to 5 Tuesday in the first round of the state JC playoffs and will enter the finals beginning tomorrow.

The Monarchs scored four runs in the 5th inning to clinch Tuesday's contest.

They won their first Metro baseball title last week in a wire to wire race by knocking off Long Beach City College, 3 to 0, in the season finale.

'Poor Man's 500' Auto Race Set For Ascot Track

A 500 lap "Poor Man's Indianapolis" auto race has been scheduled for Ascot Stadium on Sunday night, May 29, it was announced today.

The event will be open to '42 through '52 model American manufactured stock cars giving up-and-coming drivers a chance to compete in the first major event ever scheduled for this class of car on the Pacific Coast.

A starting field of 66 cars will go to the post, twice the number starting in Indianapolis 500 mile race on May 30th.

Qualifying trials are slated for Ascot Stadium this Sunday afternoon from 1 to 3:30 with some 150 drivers expected to participate, representing almost every Southern California community.

Montgomery Wins In Playoffs, 5-2

By STEVE DABBS

Allen Lamson scored from third base on a wild pitch in the 7th inning Tuesday as Bishop Montgomery High defeated Westminster 3 to 2 at El Camino College to stay alive in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) "AA" playoffs.

Lamson had walked, and moved around to third on a safe bunt by George Kennedy and a sacrifice bunt by pinch hitter Marcial Monge before scoring the winning run on the wild pitch.

MONTGOMERY had led 2-1 on two gift runs in the first and 5th innings before Westminster tied it with a solo in the top of the 7th.

Steve Pipkin went all the way for Coach Tom Robinson's Camino Real League champs. He struck out seven and walked three as the Knights boosted their season record to 14-2-2.

Westminster was the Free-way League champion.

Bishop Montgomery qualified to meet Claremont High, a 6-0 winner over Avocado on Tuesday. The game will be played tomorrow at 3:15 at a site to be decided upon by the two head coaches.

Claremont won the San Diego Western League title.

TUESDAY, shortstop Forest Hunt drove in the game's first run in the opening inning after a hit batsman and two stolen bases moved a runner around to third base.

The Knights got their second tally on George Kennedy's single, a stolen base, and an overthrow.

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ILLEGAL HUNTER OUTWITS HIMSELF

Intent on hunting cottontail rabbits out of season and at night—both against the law—an Antelope Valley man recently succeeded in outwitting himself.

It all happened when DFG Warden Bill Hawes, attending an evening meeting of a local gun club in Lancaster, stepped outside for a bit of fresh air. Observing a spotlight working in the nearby desert area, Hawes investigated and wound up handing a double-barreled citation to one of the club members who figured the best time to do some illegal hunting was while the warden was attending his club's meeting.

Warden Hawes' case report noted that the meeting broke up about half an hour early that night.

Turner Belts 5th Homer in Pony League Contest

At the end of the first week of play, Hayden Lee Broncos remain the only unbeaten team in the Riviera Pony League, adding two more wins last week to run their string to seven straight.

They defeated Lesser's Mustangs last Wednesday, 7 to 5, with Dave Farber being the winning pitcher. Rob Dobbie collected a homer in the seventh and on Friday they edged the Wranglers 3-0 as John Dozier pitched a one-hitter while striking out nine men.

The Colts won two games by defeating the Pinos 10-6 and the Wranglers 17-12 to move into second place in the standings, as Steve Turner belted his 5th homer in the second game.

John Jelinski's brilliant three hit shutout as he bested Ray Allen in a tight game allowed the Harbor Savings Roans to hold third place as they defeated the Pintos, 3-0.

Terry Kirkbride also collected a home run for the Mustangs as they won from the Roans on Sunday, 7-5.

IN PLAYOFFS

North Calls on Hogue Against La Puente High

Righthander Dennis Hogue draws the honor of pitching in North High School's first CIF baseball playoff game tomorrow when the Saxons launch their bid for the "AAA" crown at 3:15 at La Puente.

Hogue had a 7-3 season won-lost record and a 4-2 Bay League record in helping pitch the Saxons to a co-share of the championship. La Puente is the Montview League title-winner.

GOING FOR the locals tomorrow will be a lineup loaded with 300-plus hitters. Coach Bob Shoup will start five players who hit at that clip in the league campaign.

They are outfielders Frank VanPatten (.326), Rick Jacobs (.395), and Bob Martin (.300), catcher Dave Marsden (.311), and third baseman Jim Carrico (.333).

Marsden and VanPatten were All-Bay League selections, while Jacobs, Hogue, and first baseman Dwayne Merrill (.263) were second string choices.

NORTH DREW the position as the league's third entrant after a flip of the coin with Santa Monica, which plays Compton, the Coast League champion, tomorrow.

Mira Costa, the Bay League's number one choice, will meet Keppel, runner-up in the Pacific League, tomorrow.

The CIF playoffs are a "do-or-die" sudden death eliminations.

A team must win four games to reach the finals, to be held at Wrigley Field in Los Angeles.

LINE-UP

CF—VanPatten	.....	.326
2B—Hubert	.....	.279
C—Marsden	.....	.311
1B—Jacobs	.....	.395
1B—Merrill	.....	.263
3B—Carrico	.....	.333
RF—Martin	.....	.300
SS—Goldphense	.....	.205
P—Hogue	.....	(4-2)

Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
El Segundo	10	2	.833
Culver City	8	4	.750
South	7	5	.583
Aviation	7	5	.583
Torrance	6	6	.500
Beverly Hills	3	9	.250
Lennox	1	11	.093

*Games behind leader

Tuesday's Score

El Segundo 9, Culver City 0.

METROPOLITAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Valley	11	3	.786
Long Beach	9	5	.643
San Diego	9	5	.643
El Camino	8	6	.571
Harbor	6	8	.429
Bakersfield	6	8	.429
East Los Angeles	4	10	.286
Santa Monica	3	11	.214